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TWO RIBBONS MARK LINCOLN'S BIBLE

Did Chance or the President Place Them There?

Washington.—Was it chance that left two white silk ribbon markers at passages particularly appropriate to the stress of the Civil war in the Bible upon which Abraham Lincoln took the oath of office, or did the hand of the President himself place them there?

The book is now in the permanent keeping of the Library of Congress. It was placed there last spring by Mrs. Robert Todd Lincoln together with the old family Bible of Abraham Lincoln and the gold medal presented to Mrs. Lincoln by the citizens of France after President Lincoln's death.

It is a small book with red plush covers and gilt-edged leaves.

The two markers were left at the thirty-first chapter of Deuteronomy and the fourth "chapter of Hosea. Both chapters contain verses particularly appropriate to the dark days through which Lincoln passed soon after taking the oath of office.

The sixth verse of the first named chapter reads: "Be strong and of good courage, fear not nor be afraid of them, for the Lord thy God, He it is that doth go with thee, He will not fail thee nor forsake thee."

The first three verses of the fourth chapter of Hosea, where the other marker rests, are as follows:

"Hear ye the word of the Lord, ye children of Israel, for the Lord hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land because there is no truth nor mercy nor knowledge of God in the land. By swearing and lying and killing and stealing and committing adultery they break out and blood toucheth blood. Therefore, shall the land mourn and every one that dwelleth therein shall languish with the beasts of the fields, and with the fowls of heaven, yea, the fishes of the sea also shall be taken away."

Open Hall of Fishes at American Museum

New York.—The American Museum of Natural History has opened a hall of fishes, where visitors may see for themselves the records that cause scientists to believe that possibly land animals once came from the sea.

A few fishes living today have true lungs by which they breathe even after the water in which they live has dried up. Specimens of these fish are on exhibition, with four legs in the shape of paddles, which are the equivalent of fore and hind legs of land animals. The theory, is that these fish belong to long-past ages. They come from Australia and African waters and are named lung-fish.

The exhibits grade fish, showing in the highest types the fighting tarpon and trout, whose ability to escape after being hooked furnishes one of the chief pleasures of anglers.

The great predatory fish of the oceans and the world's most beautiful water inhabitants are shown in reproductions that depict their natural actions. Models show how fish swim, how some possess marvelous mechanisms for transmitting slight changes in water pressure to their interior balancing organs, how they breathe, build nests and protect their young.

3 Belted Kingfishers Seen at Grand Canyon

Grand Canyon, Ariz.—The Grand Canyon National park recently received a visit from three belted kingfishers, a species that previously was unknown among the bird life of the park. The three birds were observed by park employees along the Bright Angel creek on the north rim of the canyon. Their occurence in this region indicates that they followed the torturous path of the Colorado river through a semi-arid region where it must have been a difficult matter for even their sharp eyes to perceive food in the muddy waters. Bright Angel creek with its clear water, trout and native minnows afforded an excellent resting place for these traveling avian fishermen.

Art Center

New York.—The art center of the United States is Aurora, Ill. That is the deduction of officials of the Grand Central Art galleries from per capita ownership of masterpieces.

CUPID'S ACTIVITY CRAMPED BY COLD

Fewer Single Girls Found in Warmer Cities.

Madison, Wis. — Cold weather cramps the activity of Cupid. More girls between fifteen and twenty-four years of age living in warm climates get married than girls of the same class in colder temperature cities, a survey submitted in the school of commerce at the University of Wisconsin reveals.

A correlation between temperatures and wedding bells is found.

The warmer the climate the better chance a girl has to get married. In twelve southern cities of 100,000 or more population, having annual mean temperatures ranging from 59 to 69 degrees, 27 per cent of the native white women are single, the study finds.

In twelve northern cities of the same class, on the other hand, 33 per cent of the women are single, the annual mean temperature in these cities ranging from 45 to 48 degrees.

Smaller cities with populations between 25,000 and 100,000, however, do not show such a high correlation between temperatures and marriages. In fifteen warm cities of this class with annual temperatures running from 60 to 70 degrees, the percentage of single women is 25. In fifteen colder cities of this class, with annual mean temperature from 38 to 48 degrees, 30 per cent of the women are single.

The statistics for the survey are based on the 1920 census report. For the temperatures the United States Weather bureau, the World almanac, and Climatology of the United States were used.

The percentages necessarily had to be corrected when the percentage of men exceeded the percentage of women or vice versa, the survey states.

Of the 144 cities included in the survey, Superior, Wis., had the lowest annual mean temperature, 38 degrees. In that city 37.3 per cent of the native white females are single. The highest mean annual temperature was that of Tampa, Fla., 72 degrees. In that city, 20.4 per cent of the native white women are single. This shows a difference of 16.9 per cent between the coldest and warmest city.

Public as Judge of Art Displays Expert Taste

Washington.—The public is about as good a judge of paintings as artists and professional art critics, directors of the noted Corcoran Art gallery of Washington have found out.

The Corcoran gallery, at its biennial exhibition of contemporary American oil paintings, conducted a public referendum among the visitors to the exhibition on their choice as to the best painting. A painting by Carl Melchers of New York, called "A Native of Virginia," was selected. It shows an old country woman leaning on a grubbing hoe.

Melchers, in previous exhibitions, has won second, third and fourth respectively, in choices made by a jury of leading artists and critics of the country.

C. Powell Minnigerode, director of the gallery, said the picture unquestionably was one of the most noted in the exhibition. A $200 prize went to the artist.

Melchers was born in Detroit in 1860 and has gained considerable renown, both in the United States and in foreign countries. He has been awarded decorations by Bavaria, France and Germany for his paintings.

Entomologists' Value Revealed by Institute

Pittsburgh, Pa.—The absent-minded professor who scampers after elusive butterflies and bugs with a net contributes much to the benefit of humanity.

Carnegie Institute of Technology here has more than 1,500,000 specimens of insects, beetles, etc., and officials point out that study of myriad insects, gathered from near and far, reveals which is beneficial to mankind, and discloses how to rid infested places of harmful insects.

Pittsburgh is the home of four outstanding figures in the entomological world. Dr. W. J. Holland, director emeritus of Carnegie museum, has a personal collection of specimens gathered from the four corners of the earth. Dr. Hugo Kahl, a native of Sweden, presides over the museum's collection. Associated with him are two sisters—H. G. Klages and B. Krautwurm, both well-known entomologists.

Ancient Gothic Ruins Reveal Old Metropolis

Backchisharai, Crimea.—Far-stretching ruins of a great city, of unknown origin have been discovered in the valley of Eski Germen in the very heart of the Crimean peninsula.

The ruins are said to extend more than two miles, and consist of high fortress walls, hundreds of homes hewed out of rocks and six great cave temples, embellished with ancient frescoes. Russian archeologists said the ruins were once the capital of the Goth's kingdom, known in history as the city of Feodora, founded during the reign of Justinian the Great.

PALACE ORNAMENTS ARE U. S. PRODUCTS

Nepalese Fancy Scales and Cash Registers.

Washington.—American cash registers are ornaments in Nepal.

They glitter from pedestals lining the white marble staircase in the palace of the prime minister, according to an explorer recently returned from India.

Beside the burnished beauty of cash registers gleams the polished nickel of America's automatic scales, mechanical chewing gum venders and slot machines. But they are never punched. According to Nepalese ideas a creation of American foundries is rather than bronze statuary or a staircase.

"American products have a better chance of entering Nepal than American," says a bulletin from the Washington (D. C.) headquarters of the National Geographic society, "because the isolated mountain kingdom does not welcome foreigners.

An Absolute Monarchy.

"Only a few British officials are permitted to come over the pass from India and they are not permitted to go far from the capital, Khatmundu. 'The Country of Four Passes,' the Nepalese call their land, which is indeed a walled valley with four hill passes. Their doming into the crest of the Himalayas measures 500 miles long and spreads 140 miles at its greatest width. Within it live 5,000,000 hill people governed by an absolute monarchy.

"The monarch's commands, however, are both made for him and enforced by the prime minister, who lives in the cash-register palace.

"Nepal is the stronghold of orthodox, unadulterated Hinduism. The local caste system has more rules than intercollegiate football. Thus among the high caste are:

1. Brahmans, who eat rice cooked only by members of their own caste. They drink water from the hands of members of castes Nos. 2 to 19.

2. Surmgsat, who eat rice cooked by Brahmans, Thakuris, and Khas only. They drink water from the hands of all castes up to No. 19.

3. Thakuri, who eat rice cooked by Brahmans only. They drink water from hands of all members of all castes up to 19.

4. Khas or Chitsi, who eat rice cooked by Brahmans and Thakuris only and drink water from hands of all members of castes, Nos. 5 to 19.

"The intermediate castes run from 5 to 19, inclusive, and the lower castes from 20 to 24, inclusive.

"The five castes from 20 to 24 do not have Brahmans as priests. Their priests are members of their own castes. They have no dealings of any kind with castes 1 to 19. They must leave the road on the approach of a member of castes Nos. 1 to 19 and call out to give warning of their approach. They may not enter the courtyards of temples.

Army Life Lures Men.

"As among the Russian Cossacks, war is the chief business of the best people in Nepal. The army is the only profession open to a 'gentleman' and so the rare visitor sees troops everywhere.

"Splendid and colorful as are the reviews and state ceremonies with their elephants in gorgeous trappings and the officers in brilliant uniforms the Nepal women outdo them. They believe in color and lots of it. They fold yards and yards of sumptuous garb around the waist, spreading at the feet, so that a Nepalese belle looks as if she were about to depart for a masquerade ball dressed like a far field upside down. Above the skirt the Nepal lady wears a tight-fitting velvet jacket. Her hair she winds in a knot, fastened above her forehead with a gold plaque. A heavy gold necklace and bangles complete her attire but the final touch is the shadowed darkening of the eyelids by which she expresses langurous lure. Her female attendants, by way of contrast, wear oriental trousers.

"Nepal is probably the only country in the world reached by stairs. The person lucky enough to get a visitor's permit literally steps down into the valley, because the main road from India ceases to be a road when it gets to the highest passes and at the last gate in the hills the Chandra Girl, the traveler descends 2,200 feet by stone steps; probably the world's longest stairway. At the bottom are good roads and motor cars to convey the visitor to the capital.

"The view of Nepal valley from the top of the last pass is unequaled, travelers declare. Opposite lie the highest mountains in the world the Himalayas, always tented under a deep blanket of snow. And at their feet is the blue-veiled valley with its orange groves, yellow fields and red roofed towns."

Will Request Ashes Be Spread on Clean Ground

New York.—The will of Hector Tyndale, lawyer, who recently directed that "after it has been determined that I am dead beyond any doubt, my body shall be cremated and my ashes shall not be preserved, but spread upon or under the ground on clean ground in the open country, or on the open sea."

The estate, valued at "over $10,000," included 143,000,000,000,000 German marks. Of these the lawyer wrote: "In the belief that the German people eventually will require the redemption of all paper marks of wartime issue, I direct that my executors hold my marks of those issues until they can be sold at their cost to me, about $6,000."

Pronunciation Brings Cycle Thief to Grief

London.—A bit of snappy detective work has just been accomplished by a Northamptonshire policeman, who evidently also is a student of phonetics.

The "bobby," on duty near the village of Towcester, had a hunch that a man who passed him, wheeling a bicycle, might not be the machine's rightful owner.

"Where do you live?" the policeman asked.

"Tow-cester," the man replied, pronouncing the word as it is spelled.

"No, you don't," the policeman retorted, and arrested him. At the police court next day the man pleaded guilty to the theft of the bicycle. The "bobby" explained that the word "Tow-cester" never referred to the town's name as other than "Toaster," and that it was the mispronunciation that confirmed his "hunch."

Seek to Grow Fruits, Gardens in Labrador

Amherst, Mass.—Prof. F. C. Sears, head of the pomology department of Massachusetts agricultural college, who spent the summer in Labrador, investigating the possibilities in increasing the production of food plants, recently told of his observations concerning the agricultural problems of the country. The trip was made at the invitation of Sir Wilfred T. Grenfell, who is particularly anxious to introduce fruits and a greater variety of vegetables.

As a result of Professor Sears visit, plans are being made to send fruit trees, bushes, vines and vegetable seeds to be grown and tested in Labrador. One of the miniature "experiment stations" will be located on Doctor Grenfell's private grounds at St. Anthony.

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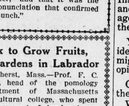

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The Governorship

Friends of Berkley D. Adams, of Charlotte county, made it known today that he is seriously considering solicitations of friends throughout the state that he become a candidate for the democratic nomination for governor. His friends say that almost weekly for the past three months delegations from various parts of Virginia have called upon him to urge that he offer for the governorship.

Mr. Adams, now residing in Charlotte county, devoting his time to agricultural interests there, is a native of Pittsylvania county. For more than fifteen years he represented Charlotte county in the Virginia house of delegates. He was a member and chairman of the state board of agriculture for some time and for eight years was a member of the state corporation commission.

Mrs. Lucy F. Paris

This estimable lady, wife of James W. Paris, died at her home in Lynchburg, Tuesday, of flu in the 56th year of age. Deceased was reared in this county and is survived by her husband and five children. Besides she is survived by following brothers and sisters—C. N. Abbitt and Mrs. Ellie Paris of Appomattox, I. O. Abbitt of Roxboro, N. C., Mrs. Bettie Paris and Mrs. E. J. Harvey of Crewe, Va.

Burrial will be made at Liberty cemetery at 3 p. m., Friday.

Mrs. Lizzie Jamerson

Mrs. Lizzie Jamerson, 36 years of age, died at Lynchburg Hospital Monday night. She was the daughter of George and Mrs. Virginia Eagle Jamerson, of Buckingham county.

She is survived by a daughter, Miss Isom Jamerson and a son, Russell Jamerson, and four brothers, Edward, Berkley and Jamerson, of Campbell county, and George Jamerson, of Appomattox county.

Mrs. Sue P. Harvey

Mrs. Sue P. Harvey, 81 years of age, widow of B. P. Harvey, died at her heme in Lynchburg Tuesday, of pneumonia after an illness of a week. She was born at Hat Creek Sept. 24, 1847, the daughter of the late William P. and Martha Williams Smith.

Mrs. Harvey is survived by the following children: W. B., C. S. and S. G. Harvey, of Lynchburg; B. V. Harvey, of Danville; P. P. Harvey, of Charleston, Charlestonse; Louis Harvey, of Brookneal; J. F. Harvey, of Appomattox, and Mrs. R. B. Blankinship, of Charleston, W. Va.

Guthrie Doss

This young man, the 19-year-old son of Baxter Doss, who lives in the farm of R. H. Wright here died Tuesday night of pneumonia. He was a splendid young man and an industrious farmer. He is survived by father and mother, four brothers and three sisters.

Mrs. Henretta S. Eagles

This elderly lady died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Bettie Gast in Lynchburg, Monday, in the 89th year of her age. Funeral was conducted at Rocks church Tuesday afternoon by her pastor, Rev. T. E. Goad. Burial was at her old home, where she was born and reared, near the church.

Pall-bearers were her grandsons—John, Travis and George W. Woolridge, Robert and Earl Davis, Hubert Martin and Willie and Frank Pugh.

Flower-bearers were granddaughters — Mesdames. Mary Dickerson, Estelle Gallos, Susie Foster, Inice Woolridge and Miss Mollie Gast.

Surviving children—Mesdames Ella F. Woolridge, John R. Pugh, Bettie E. Gast, Lottie Davis, Mr. Daniel Eagles and Miss Lucy Eagles, who stayed and nursed her during all her illness. All that loving hands could do was done for her.

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Evelyn C. O'Brien

Evelyn Christine O'Brien, the beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walker O'Brien, of Vera, Va., entered into rest at the Virginia Baptist Hospital on January 6th.

Her death was a great shock to all who knew her. She suffered an attack of influenza followed by appendicitis.

All that skillful and loving hands could do was done for her, but God had called her from her suffering.

She was 23 years of age. For the past four years she had been giving her services to instruct the youth of this county and others. She was loved by all her pupils.

She was a member of New Hope Baptist church and a girl of refinement and usefulness. To know her was to love her.

The funeral service was conducted by her pastor, Rev. E. F. Burnette, assisted by Rev. E. E. Goad at New Hope church on Monday and interment was made in the church cemetery.

The pall-bearers were: F. A. O'Brien, R. E. O'Brien, J. H. Lucado, C. H. Manley, J. H. O'Brien and R. E. Alvis.

Flower bearers were her cousins and friends.

She leaves to mourn her loss her parents, three sisters—Isabelle, Phoebe and Dorothy O'Brien, three brothers—William, Albert, Garland, Maynard and Hiram O'Brien and a host of relatives and friends.

We cannot say and we will not say

That Evelyn is dead, she is just away!

With a cheery smile and a wave of the hand

She has wondered into an unknown land.

And left us dreaming how very fair

It needs must be since she lingered there.

And we, Oh we, who the wildest yearn

For the old-time step and the glad return.

Think of her as faring on, as dear

In the love of There, as the love of Here.

We think of her still as the same I say,

She is not dead, she is just away.

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Mrs. Lillian Lefew Thomas

Mrs. Lillian Lefew Thomas, age 62, wife of R. L. Thomas died at her home near Vera January 5. Her death came as a shock to her many friends as she was confined to her bed only a few days. Deceased had been a constant sufferer for several months, which brought out the traits of patience and christian fortitude. The deceased was a devout christian and had been a member of Red Oak Baptist Church for several years.

She is survived by her husband and the following children: A. M., W. D., E. N., Russel and Earnest Thomas, of Appomattox, Mrs. John Durham, of Lynchburg; Mrs. Vernon Terry, of Washington one sister, Miss Lena Lefew and three stepbrothers, Walter and Edgar Lefew, of Lynchburg, and DeWitt Lefew, of Appomattox.

Services were conducted from the house by Rev. Caudle. Interment was made in family burying ground. The pall-bearers were: Messrs. Marsh, Horsley, Lefew, Drinkard, Carter, and Ferguson Flowers were carried by nieces and friends of the family.

Mrs. Thomas will be greatly missed in her circle of friends. She was a kind and thoughtful mother and helpful sympathetic friend.

BATHING DOES NOT BOTHER LAPLANDER

Clothing Is Changed but Twice a Year.

New York.—The Laplanders, who belong to a nomadic race which wanders in the Swedish territory north of the Arctic circle in pursuit of reindeer, change their clothing twice a year, drink reindeer blood, and sleep with their guardian dogs, still command the admiration of Dr. Ales Hrdlicka, according to Curweth Wells.

On the contrary, said Mr. Wells they are civilized and educated, since many of them speak as many as four languages fluently and are expert botanists.

Each Laplander, the lecturer said, owns a herd of wild reindeer whose migrations he follows through the lovely Arctic summer and settles with it in the forests north of the Baltic sea during the winter months. The meager nourishment offered by the Arctic regions manifests itself in the Laplanders themselves, who never measure more than 4 feet 6 inches in height, the reindeer, which stand two feet high, and the puny rhododendron bushes, which, when in full bloom, measure no more than two inches.

If a Laplander dies during his wanderings, continued Mr. Wells, he is buried on the spot, dug up on the return journey, and is then taken to church, where as many as 30,000 mends gather once a year for funerals, marriages and baptisms.

Motor Vehicles in U. S. Mount to 24,592,370

New York.—There are 24,592,370 registered motor vehicles in the United States, an increase of 1,403,053 over a year ago, the annual tabulation made by Motor Magazine from the registry records of the various states shows.

Passenger cars showed an increase of 6.2 per cent during the year, numbering 21,468,586. The number of motor trucks is 2,123,774, a gain of 7.2 per cent.

New York state leads in the number of vehicles in use with 2,680,915, followed by California, 1,803,224; Ohio, 1,672,000; Pennsylvania, 1,649,899; Illinois, 1,562,076; Michigan, 1,248,080, and Texas, 1,111,467.

The increase of 1,403,055 in all classes of vehicles during 1928 compares with an increase of 1,125,922 recorded during 1927.

"Domestic sales of passenger cars last year approximated 3,075,000," the magazine says, "and the registration increase was only 1,254,000, so it is evident that more than 1,800,000 of the cars previously in use were scrapped or taken out of service in some other way. Replacements, therefore, are accounting for about 60 per cent of the total sales."

Germany Plans Super Plane to Carry Fifty

Washington. — A supermonoplane driven by motors capable of developing 2,000 horse power having a wing spread of 120 feet and designed to carry 50 persons is now under construction by the Junkers Airplane company of Germany the Department of Commerce announced.

Transatlantic service at a height of between 22,000 and 23,000 feet is envisaged by the German company, which proved motors for preserving normal atmospheric pressures at such altitudes prove practical.

Living quarters will be in the wings, which will be 120 feet long and six feet thick, the Department of Commerce is advised. Four 650 horsepower motors will drive the new monster. It will be equipped with an adequate kitchen and a superradio set.

Chilean Hotel Workers Campaign Against Tips

Santiago.—Hotel and restaurant employees are campaigning to do away with tips, as being "prejudicial to their interests and bothersome to their clients." They ask an addition of 10 or 15 per cent to the bill of each guest instead. With the additional money they expect to receive from the new system, waiters, bus-boys, and porters say they will take lessons in English and French so that they can better serve foreign visitors to San tiago.

Carnegie Man Finds New Way to Mummify

Pittsburgh, Pa.—A new process for preserving animals with their snails to humans, so that they retain their living form and likeness has been discovered by Stanley T. Brooks, custodian of recent invertebrates in Carnegie museum.

Instead of the involved and expensive methods now used, such as pickling in alcohol embalming, the new method will permit scientists to wax their specimens and give, perhaps permanently, the natural form and other properties of the animals in waxing in a small way, he has been done in Europe within the last few months, few samples have been seen in the United States, and Brooks' process was worked out by himself.

Brooks hopes to present to the Pittsburgh public, within a year or so a complete exhibit of waxed invertebrates — and mans.

Mankind's Governor

The cerebrum, or more narrowly the gray matter of the cerebrum, is usually regarded as the seat of conscious ness in the human brain.

Gave Name to Wells

Artesian wells are named after Artois in France where the tubular bore was invented.

OIL STRIKE HELPS UNFORTUNATE ONES

Blows Suffered in Past Are Now Forgotten.

Wichita, Kan.—Blows which they have suffered in the past are being forgotten by Willard Goodrich of this city and his two motherless children, as fortune repays them for their patience and perseverance. An oil well has come in on their 80-acre farm, which was left them by the wife and mother, who died 11 years ago.

The flow of black gold assures the family comfort and ease for the rest of their lives. Willard Goodrich is known for unflagging devotion to his little family.

Mr. Goodrich rented his inherited farm. He preferred to farm his own land. He stayed with his double job throughout the years, rearing the children, Arene, eighteen, and Dale, fifteen. The father cooked the meals, did the family washing, sent the children to school, and provided the income to maintain the home.

Sitting in his comfortable home, Mr. Goodrich said oil had aroused no dreams in his mind.

"I have no particular plans," he declared. "I don't know whether I'll move anywhere or not. I don't know what it would be like to live more than a mile from home. Of course, I'm glad we struck oil; it means a lot, especially to a fellow with children."

Baluchi Women Fare Ill in Divorce Cases

Peshawar, India.—Divorce used to be an easy matter in Baluchistan, the wild, unknown state which lies just over the northwest frontier and to the south of Afghanistan.

All a Baluchi had to do was to appear before the local court or "Jirga," composed of a committee of respected elders, and state that his wife was unfaithful. He would at once be granted a divorce, which, incidentally, gave him the lawful right to kill her.

It was argued that any man who submits to the indignity of acknowledging his wife's unfaithfulness must have true cause. No such excuse was offered the woman to state her case.

Now there are changes. Westernization of the East, so strongly supported by King Amanullah of Afghanistan, has crept north, and Baluchis are grumbling that the new divorce laws are not nearly so satisfactory as the old.

According to the present system, the woman is allowed to give evidence in her own defense.

Even so, the odds are against her. The "Jirga" is composed of men, and is all-powerful in Baluchistan. There is no appeal from finding. The accused, when found guilty, has to pay the penalty prescribed, and summary justice is meted out.

Effort to Increase Strawberry Profits

Washington.—To determine the major factors which affect the returns to growers the Department of Agriculture is to study the strawberry industry in regard to price range, composition of market supply, weather conditions and competition of other fruits.

Economic information already has been gathered in North Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky and Florida. Similar work will be undertaken in New Jersey, Delaware, Louisiana and Arkansas. Maryland State College of Agriculture is independently instituting a similar survey in that state.

Factors of particular interest which it is expected this study will disclose are the place of strawberries in the organization of the farm; the seasonal movement from different areas, the variation in time and period of movement, the tendency to overcrowd particular markets and methods of marketing and transportation.

Modern Hotels in Paris Have American Names

Paris.—A feature of many of the modern style hotels which are springing up all over Paris is the American names given them. "Hotel des Etats-Unis," the "New York", "Washington" and such like are becoming more and more familiar.

To Foil Counterfeiters

Washington.—Secret service operatives hope to circumvent the public against counterfeiters when the new small-sized currency is issued. It will show portraits of a group of men who celebrity like Washington or Lincoln on bills of one denomination only and help foil currency rulers.

Hungary Gets New Port by Reclaiming Swamp

Budapest.—One of the finest ports in central Europe has been opened at Csepel, near Budapest. This was formerly a waste area of swamps and mud but was transformed into the port of Budapest.

Construction work was done by a French company which holds a 50-year lease on the property. At the end of that period it passes to the Hungarian government. The new port will benefit the Danubian states and is expected to stimulate trade between Hungary and her neighbors.

Various National Sports

The national sport of Spain is bull fighting; of Scotland, golf; England, cricket; Belgium, cockfighting; Cuba and South America, jai alai.

Wallop It!

Why not do a little something for the overprivileged child? Fort Wayne News Sentinel.

SOAP BOX ORATORS LONDON INSTITUTION

Fanatics Expound Their Theories in Park.

London.—The soap-box orators of Hyde park are famous the world over. They include fanatics of all kinds—religious, socialistic, hygienic, all the isms known to man. But there is probably no more picturesque figure than Charlie Chalice, who holds forth daily, assisted or hindered, however you like to look at it, by Charlie's chorus.

Charlie is a man of some fifty or fifty-five years old. He has been reciting the same three speeches nightly, and twice on Sundays, for eight years at the marble arch corner of Hyde park. Charlie's chorus is composed of a group of the hecklers who are as regular in attendance at the park as the orator, but who prefer contradicting to speaking. The chorus is made up of young men, not many of whom have followed Charlie's eight-year career, but all of them have followed it long enough to know by heart each one of Charlie's stock sentences and each one of the long quotations—generally from Shakespeare—with which his speech is embellished. They have learned to chant these sentences and quotations in unison; and as Charlie begins each one, the chorus gleefully catches up the first words and howls out the rest of the sentence, drowning out the orator entirely.

Has Three Subjects.

Charlie has three subjects: The war debts, cigarette-smoking mothers, and his own mental condition. He is the well-known state which lies just over "The great heart of America," he begins, and the chorus finishes, "does not want that debt to be paid." Sometimes Charlie dwells sadly on his visit to the mental hospital, to which he was taken during the war after he had burned some pamphlets in a corridor in the house of commons as a protest against something or other. He has been indignant ever since at the audacity of the authorities in putting him under observation.

Yet, if Charlie were entirely sane he could hardly be taken back so unexpectedly many times by the rehearsed remarks of his chorus. There must be hundreds of refrains in his repertoire. Without any apparent signal fifteen or twenty young men will break out simultaneously in a chant of, "Charlie, if brains were ink you wouldn't have enough to dot an 'i,'" or "You must be twins, Charlie; one person couldn't be so brainy." Each time that one of these time-honored chants is repeated Charlie is taken utterly by surprise; he throws back his head and roars with appreciative laughter before admonishing his hecklers to stop annoying him and let him finish his speech.

Enjoyment Is Mutual.

As a matter of fact, probably Charlie would be the most disappointed of all if his hecklers took him at his word. Their enjoyment is mutual and when Charlie lacks the shilling for the platform of the soapbox orator, like platforms, from which the mischief-named soap-box orators speak, demand for an unwary denial of their source, one of the hecklers is always ready to pay. He gets his reward by conducting a particularly fierce and personal attack on the gentle-faced, slightly insane old man.

You will not find Charlie and his chorus in any of the guide books to London. But if you find yourself in the English capital go to Hyde park at seven in the evening and you will find Charlie there declaiming earnestly: "The great heart of America does not want that debt paid."

Russia Leans Heavily on Large Land Owners

Semipalatinsk, Kazakston Republic. —The Soviets have taken drastic measures in an effort to wipe out the last remnants of large land ownership in central Asia.

Sixty "boys," or wealthy Moslem nobles, who managed during 11 years of bolshevik rule to ignore all communist doctrines and keep their vast herds of cattle and property intact, have been driven out of their homes and deported to remote Sir-Darinsk regions.

Kills Tot to Get Even

Riverhead, N. Y.—Auto Hero, stricken, was held on a charge of homicide after confessing police said, that he drowned four-year-old Fred Hasler in a pond to "get even" with the child's uncle. The nature of the grudge was not known.

Knows His "Choo-choos"

Bucharest, Rumania.—Seven-year-old King Michal attended the christening of a big locomotive named after him and was told how it works. He astounded those present by explaining in detail how, in comparison, an electric locomotive runs.

Tots Travel Far

New York.—Vernonica Wolonin, six years old, and her sister, Anna, five, have come from Poland all alone to join their father in Youngstown, Ohio. They have not seen him since they were infants. Their mother is dead.

Castle to Become Cannery

Munich.—Kleenheim castle, near Salzburg, once the property of the Hapsburg dynasty of Austria, is to become a canned meat factory, and pigs will be fattened in apartments once secred to royalty.

Castle Strongly Built

Carnarvon castle, North Wales, begun in 1284, is said to be the best preserved castle in the country.

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